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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON SUDAN POLICIES

1. VICE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER RASHID AL-TAHIR BAKR  
MADE THOROUGH PRESENTATION OF SUDANESE FOREIGN POLICY TO  
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY APRIL 5, WELL REPORTED IN PRESS. GENERAL

STATEMENT CLARIFIED BASIC ELEMENTS OF SUDANESE FOREIGN POLICIES IN SUMMARY FASHION, WITH NO SURPRISES OR NEWS BUT WITH USEFUL CONFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLES. SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF ADDRESS WAS COMMENDATION OF SUDANESE INTERNAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION. RASHID MADE POINT THAT SUDAN'S DOMESTIC POLICIES ARE WELL REFLECTED IN FOREIGN POLICIES BOTH AS TO OBJECTIVES: TOLERANCE, FRIENDSHIP, PEACE; AND METHOD: PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF TENSIONS THROUGH DIPLOMATICAL AUTONOMY.

2. ON ARAB AFFAIRS SUDAN FULLY SUPPORTS SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. "ZIONIST" ENEMY WOULD MISS HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE JUST AND LASTING PEACE BY NOT RESPONDING TO SADAT. ALTHOUGH SADAT PRESERVED ARAB STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, "WE WILL NEVER REALIZE OUR OBJECTIVES BY WAR OR PEACE UNLESS WE UNITE." SUDAN WORKS WITH ARAB LEAGUE TO ACHIEVE UNITY OF ARAB NATION AND THUS NIMEIRI IS CHAIRMAN OF ARAB SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE CREATED TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AMONG ARAB STATES BEFORE ARAB SUMMIT IS CONVENED. RASHID REPORTED THAT LEBANON REQUESTED EXTENSION OF ARAB PEACEKEEPING FORCE. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN CAIRO WHICH HE CHAIRED CONSENTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RENEW FORCE FOR SIX MONTHS, BEGINNING APRIL 1978.

3. AFRICAN SIDE OF SUDANESE POLICY ALSO BASED ON PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. SUDAN HAS PLAYED ROLE, SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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RASHID, IN ACHIEVING NATIONAL UNITY IN CHAD WITH HELP OF LIBYA AND NIGER, "WITH RESPECT TO ERITREAN QUESTION," AND IN SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE. RASHID EVEN CLAIMED NIMEIRI'S POLICIES HAVE ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WEST AFRICA WHERE SIX STATES MET IN LIBERIA TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN IVORY COAST ON ONE HAND AND GUINEA AND SENEGAL ON OTHER. SUDAN HOPES TO MAKE OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN KHARTOUM NEXT JULY "TURNING POINT" IN AFRICAN HISTORY, RASHID SAID, MEANING APPARENTLY THAT PEACE AND STABILITY WILL PREVAIL IN AFRICA IF SUDAN CAN MANAGE IT.

4. ON HORN OF AFRICA, RASHID SAID SUDAN COULD NOT STAND IDLY BY WHILE BIG POWERS COMPETED IN AREA. SUDAN ASKED ARAB LEAGUE TO REACH UNIFIED ARAB STAND, RESULTING IN RESOLUTION BY ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WHICH DENOUNCED FOREIGN TROOPS IN HORN AND ASKED MEMBER STATES TO AID SOMALIA. FOREIGN MINISTER SEPARATELY DENOUNCED SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN HORN AND POINTED OUT OAU HAS ALREADY REJECTED INTERVENTION BY BIG POWERS IN AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES.

5. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS USEFUL SUMMARY OF SUDAN FOREIGN

POLICY WHICH REMAINS MODERATE, PEACEFUL AND PRAGMATIC IN  
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